

Activity:	Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants
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Activity Summary

Program Component	2002 Enacted	2003 Estimate	FY 2004	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	Change From 2003 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes			
Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants	28,900	0	0	0	0	0
Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Administration	1,050	300	+5	0	305	+5
Total Requirements	29,950	300	+5	0	305	+5

Authorization

16 U.S.C. 2501-2514 The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978
 Public Law 95-625 The National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978, Title X
 Public Law 106-113 The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000,
 as enacted by section 1000(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000

Draft DOI Outcome Goals Applicable to this Activity**Recreation****3.1 Improve Access to Appropriate Recreation Opportunities on DOI Managed or Partnered Lands and Waters**

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants and Administration support this goal by providing and managing grants to local governments, improving their capacities to provide access for recreation and promoting recreation opportunities.

3.3 Provide for and Receive Fair Value in Recreation

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants and Administration support this goal by providing and managing grants to local governments, promoting quality commercial services for recreation. This activity also promotes recreation by providing incentives by providing grants to communities that demonstrate innovative and cost-effective ways to enhance recreational opportunities.

FY 2004 Base Program Overview

The **Urban Park and Recreation Fund** appropriation provides matching grants to local governments to rehabilitate existing indoor and outdoor recreation facilities; contributes to an increase in investments by urban jurisdictions in planning, revitalization, and operation and maintenance of existing recreation systems; and provides grants to communities to demonstrate innovative and cost-effective ways to enhance park and recreation opportunities at the neighborhood level. All projects require at least a 30 percent match. UPARR targets grants to economically distressed urban communities for the rehabilitation of recreation facilities and to increase and enhance the provision of recreation programs and services. The National Park Service proposed in FY 2003 that grants under this program be discontinued in order to avoid duplication of programs conducted by other Federal agencies, such as HUD's Community Development Block Grants. In 2002, State and local governments received over \$200 million in CDBG grants just for parks and recreational activities. Administration of previously issued UPARR grants would continue until the completion of all outstanding projects.

Performance summary tables are found at the end of this Appropriation.

- ① Find more information online about Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Fund grants at www.nps.gov/uparr

FY 2002 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Received 191 applications requesting \$78.1 million, and provided technical assistance in preparation
 - Awarded 71 Rehabilitation grants totaling the full \$28.9 million available
 - 82 new recreation sites protected in perpetuity
 - Funds used to rehabilitate 55 parks, 41 playgrounds and tot-lots, 23 ball fields, 27 ball courts, 18 recreation centers, 23 picnic grounds, 3 inner-city park trails, and 21 swimming and pool facilities
- Leveraged \$1.5 million from States toward local matching share for 23 grants
- Provided technical assistance
 - To new applicants to develop required Recovery Action Program plans
 - To the 71 new grantees for the completion of the final grant application
 - To new participants with pre-application process
- Provided ongoing park stewardship and protection activities for 1,528 recreation sites to minimize the loss of recreation opportunities as mandated by the enabling legislation
- Developed automated system to facilitate NPS staff application processing

FY 2003 Program Performance Accomplishments

The President's Budget for FY 2003 did not include funding for additional grants under this program. Administration of 176 active grants approved in FY 2000, 2001, and 2002 continues. It is estimated that 15 active grants will be closed out. Limited ongoing park stewardship and protection activities mandated by the enabling legislation will continue for 1,528 recreation sites to minimize loss of recreation opportunities.

FY 2004 Budget Request: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants

Request Component	Amount
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	300
Programmatic Changes	No change
TOTAL, Program Changes	0
Uncontrollable Changes	+5
FY 2004 Budget Request	305
Net Change	+5

Workload Tables: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Grants Workload Factors

Workload Factors	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Estimate	FY 2004 Estimate
Sites inspected and certified operational	75	50	25
Number of threatened sites	50	65	80
Number of active grants completed and closed out	4	15	50